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Dear Taxpayer:

Our records show that you were previously a victim of identity theft. We have placed an identity theft indicator on your account to protect you when you file your federal tax return.

We have a new program in place for the upcoming tax year that will help us make sure any tax return we receive with your identifying information is really from you. We will assign you a unique 6-digit number we call an Identity Protection Personal Identification Number (IP PIN) for use with your 2011 federal tax return. It is similar to a PIN for your ATM or bank account and will ensure that no one can file a tax return in your name.

In late December 2011, we'll mail you a notice with your IP PIN. You'll need to use this IP PIN when you file your 2011 tax return. If you use a professional tax return preparer or software to prepare your tax returns, you will be instructed on where to include your IP PIN on the returns.

It's essential that you use your IP PIN when you file your 2011 tax return. Do not lose your IP PIN. If you do, you will only be able to file a paper tax return; you will not be able to E-file. Our walk-in offices and call centers will not be able to provide the IP PIN to you or provide a replacement.

If you have any questions about the IP PIN, please visit www.irs.gov/4868cs for information. You may also call 1-800-908-4490 extension 245. Thank you for your cooperation as we continue working to protect your identity and personal information.

Sincerely yours,

